Network Working Group
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NWG Steering Committee
per A. Vezza
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A SEPTEMBER NETWORK WORKING GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Network Working Group will be hosted by M.I.T.'s Project MAC in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The meeting is scheduled to commence at 12 noon on September 26 and is tentatively scheduled to adjourn on September 30. This Network Working Group meeting is structured such that most participants will wish to attend only one or two of the three phases of the meeting.

The first phase is a system programmers workshop. It commences Sunday September 26, and continues through Monday the 27th. System programmers should come prepared to: create a working demonstration of the use of their host over the Network, discuss host to host protocol implementation, and teach other system programmers how to use their systems. The Dynamic Modeling/Computer Graphics PDP-10 system will be placed at the disposal of the system programmers workshop, and DMCG personnel will be available to assist in the creation of the demonstrations. System programmers with operational Network capability should plan to attend.

Those planning to attend the system programmers workshop should contact Bob Metcalfe by leaving a message for him with Anne Speare at (617) 864-6900 x1458.

The second phase of the September meeting, which will begin on Tuesday the 28th and continue through Wednesday 29th, will be devoted to workshops exploring and discussing issues associated with Network use. Tentatively, the following five workshops are planned: (1) Network climate research, (2) the Network service centers, (3) the Network NIC, (4) Network on-line cooperative interaction, (5) a planning workshop for an ICCC (The International Computer Communications Conference to be held in Washington, D. C. in October of 1972) session and a demonstration.

The workshops will be small and intensive. Attendence at a workshop is by invitation. How to make an application to a workshop, the scope of each workshop, the workshop chairman, and a workshop meeting schedule will be announced on August 16. Persons wishing to make an application to form a workshop may do so by contacting Bob Kahn at BBN (617) 491-1850 x340, or by leaving a message with his secretary.

The third phase, which will begin on Thursday September 30, is a plenary session open to all Network Working Group members and visitors. Its purpose is to present reports on the workshops and to present some prepared reports on Network activities.

All NWG meeting attendees should register for the meeting by calling Anne Speare at (617) 864-6900 x1458. Assistance, for those who need it, in procuring a room reservation may be obtained from Anne Speare.

More to come on August 16, 1971. The Network Steering Committee members are: S. Crocker, J. Heafner, R. Kahn, J. Melvin, and A. Vezza.